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The following is an excerpt from a speech from the Progressive Labor Party's annual May Day celebration in Brooklyn, NY.

Today is the workers' day. Our holiday is rooted in the fight for the eight-hour work day in Chicago in the 1880s. But almost 150 years later workers all over recognize the power of May Day, setting aside time to commemorate our victories as a working class against the thieving system of capitalism. We call upon working people everywhere to stand up, join our Party, and commit to communist struggle, the only struggle that will truly free the human race from the misery that our class is forced to shoulder.

Today, and every day, PLP salutes—

- the decades long struggle here in Brooklyn where our Party has led students and teachers in the fight against the racist under-education of the working class, especially Black and Latin students;
- the militant women-led garment strike in Haiti for a living wage which has gathered support from workers across the country;
- the Alabama coal miners who are leading one of the longest strikes in U.S. history for a contract and back pay;
- the farmer-led movement of 50 million workers in India who fought through the devastation of Covid to overturn brutal laws that left people starving;
- and the recent unionization of Amazon workers in Staten Island!

We fight to support the most radical demands coming from our class AND build a base for workers to see that only the fight for a world without money, without capitalist borders, without fictional races, without backward gender norms—a system of communism, led by PLP—will have the power to smash once and for all this system of exploitation and replace it with the leadership of our class.

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OUR FIGHT

- ★Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights to destroy capitalism and the dictatorship of the capitalist class. We organize workers, soldiers and youth into a revolutionary movement for communism.
- ★The dictatorship of the working class — communism—can provide a lasting solution to the disaster that is today’s world for billions of people. This cannot be done through electoral politics, but requires a revolutionary movement and a mass Red Army led by PLP.
- ★Worldwide capitalism, in its relentless drive for profit, inevitably leads to war, fascism, poverty, disease, starvation and environmental destruction. The capitalist class, through its state power — governments, armies, police, schools and culture — maintains a dictatorship over the world’s workers. The capitalist dictatorship supports, and is supported by, the anti-working-class ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism and religion.
- ★While the bosses and their mouthpieces claim “communism is dead,” capitalism is the real failure for billions worldwide. Capitalism returned to Russia and China because socialism retained many aspects of the profit system, like wages and privileges. Russia and China did not establish communism.
- ★Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. While capitalism needs unemployment, communism needs everyone to contribute and share in society’s benefits and burdens.
- ★Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of “race.” Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit Black, Latin, Asian and indigenous workers, and to divide the entire working class.
- ★Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women— sexism—and divisive gender roles created by the class society.
- ★Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.
- ★Communism means that the minds of millions of workers must become free from religion’s false promises, unscientific thinking and poisonous ideology. Communism will triumph when the masses of workers can use the science of dialectical materialism to understand, analyze and change the world to meet their needs and aspirations.
- ★Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!

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While an article may be written by one person, the final version is based on collective discussion and criticism. Many times this collective discussion even precedes an individual’s writing of an article.

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Editorial

French election: Le Pen vs Macron

Two toxic brands of fascism, same rotten racism

The old U.S.-led liberal world order weakens by the day: the openly fascist and anti-NATO Marine Le Pen won 41 percent of the vote in the French presidential election while anti-France, pro-Russia forces rise in former French colonies in Africa. As rival imperialists China and Russia battle the declining imperialists (Ukraine is just the beginning), it’s our class that will pay the price. We workers cannot afford to walk into the traps of nationalism and liberal democracy. The alternative vision is evident—internationalism and communist revolution.

Celebrate this vision on May Day with Progressive Labor Party (see page 1)! As you wave your red flag of internationalism and chant, “Whose day? Our day!” remember how the might of the working class under communist leadership had produced revolutions out of the rulers’ world wars. Experience the revolutionary potential by joining our march for workers’ power as we fight to build an international communist movement. One day, the wretched of the earth will become its rulers. Need and commitment, not exploitation and profit, will be the driving force of society.

Tale of two fascists

France, as well the rest of the European Union and NATO, is part of the now-floundering U.S. world order established after World War II. In competition with the former state capitalist countries China and Russia, U.S. dominance is under siege, and the E.U. can no longer be counted on for automatic support. Liberal Big Fascists are doing their best to stem the tide of the collapse of the liberal global order but they are beset on all sides (see glossary, page 6). One reflection of this decline and disarray is in the French elections.

As is the case in all elections, workers were given the choice between two oppressors. Like his Big Fascist brethren Barack Obama and Jim Crow Joe Biden, Emmanuel Macron uses liberal rhetoric while unleashing state terror and committing imperialist atrocities. He has even instituted a Clinton-esque slave labor program, which forces workers to only work for less than \$8 per hour to keep government welfare (Le Monde, 4/19). Mimicking his U.S. imperialist counterpart’s readiness to slaughter workers, France launched airstrikes against a wedding in Mali, killing 22 people just last year. Macron is a blood-soaked liberal fascist, and workers are no fools: just before the election, thousands protested racist police terror (France 24, 3/19) and the double rate of unemployment among immigrant workers.

If Macron is to Biden, then Marine Le Pen is to former president Donald Trump. Driven by a “French First” anti-immigrant racism, Madame Fasciste is more the same than different from Monsieur Fasciste who “cut housing benefits for the poor but slashed wealth taxes... earning him the moniker ‘the president of the rich’” his first year in charge (France 24, 4/22). Since then, he has ratcheted anti-Muslim racism: increased surveillance, expanded the power of the state to shut down mosques, and terrorized girls and women who wore headscarves (TIME, 5/19/21). Moving forward, Macron also plans to create a ‘rapid reaction’ gestapo at EU borders against refugees (Euronews, 3/2). Is a liberal the lesser-evil? Hell no!

Clearly both fascists are perfectly willing to sacrifice the lives of workers. So, what is the difference? The primary difference between Macron and Le Pen is the extent of their commitment to the project of maintaining the global U.S.-led hegemony. Le Pen, admirer of Russian president Vladimir Putin, dreamt of blocking European sanctions on Russian oil and gas and withdrawing France from NATO (France 24, 04/20). That’s a failing plan for an imperialist bloc fighting to maintain their dwindling grip on the world. Le Pen’s high votes further

confirms U.S. weakness.

Too much is at stake for Macron and the French Big Fascists who desperately need workers willing to fight and die in coming wars against arch rivals Russia and China. This is why they represent such a great danger to our class: for all of Macron’s apologies for French colonialism, for all of his support for universal preschool, he, like liberal Big Fascists around the world, will sacrifice millions of workers at the altar of profit and imperialist control.

The question for workers worldwide is not which of these blood-soaked capitalist servants to support; ask how we can build a worldwide communist movement that can destroy them and their profit system.

French Empire’s bloody crimes against working class

While French capitalism festers in its crisis, its former colonies are striking back. France has dominated more than 20 countries in western, northern Africa since 1524. From Haiti to Mali to Vietnam, workers were subject to the vicious racism and genocidal nature of the French imperialist machine. In Algeria alone, they slaughtered at least 5 million (The New Arab, 10/4/21). In Haiti, workers are still punished with crippling debt for the Haitian Revolution that abolished French rule.

After “independence,” the bloody grip of French imperialism didn’t really loosen. Take the 1994 Rwandan Genocide for example. France had supplied the weapons and intelligence information to the Hutus regime that butchered 800,000 people (Anadolu Agency, 12/4/19).

The racist history of French colonialism, combined with ongoing brutality, has sparked workers in Senegal, Niger, and more to shout, “Down with France!” As they should. Still, these protests come with their own dangers.

Dangers ahead: nationalism and war

As U.S. and French imperialist control deteriorates in Africa, Russia and China fill the vacuum, signaling greater war plans ahead. The West’s growing weakness is evident: six months after the U.S. pulls out of Afghanistan, Macron is set to withdraw 5,000 troops in his “forever war” in Mali. “Africa [is again] a crucial battleground in the confrontation between the West and its rivals... In economic affairs, China’s influence in Africa [via the Belt Road Initiative in 39 countries] far outweighs Russia’s. But...Moscow...directly contributed to the collapse of the French [imperialist] mission in the Sahel [African region]” (Foreign Affairs, 3/10).

Russia and local capitalists have won many workers to trade Western imperialists with a Russian one. One demonstrator was “ready to make a pact with Satan to drive out France” (Reuters, 2/5). In Burkina Faso, “tailors tore up French flags and pieced the tricolors back [to]... make Russian ones” (New York Times, 4/18). All flags, no matter how we cut it up, are made with workers’ blood. Why? National flags are markers of racist borders and an effort to shift workers’ loyalty from their own class interests to “their” local oppressor. The Pan-African nationalist movement failed workers once and will do so again. Nationalism is a deadly poison that can only be countered with communist internationalism. Our class can break our chains when we unite—from Francophone Africa to Russia to Haiti—to defeat ALL bosses.

PLP continues to advance our message: for workers in Mali and France, in the streets of Port-Au-Prince, in Kyiv basements and Russian factories, unite under the red flag of communism! We have a world to win. ★

Grad workers flunk miseducation system

CHICAGO, April 25—Today marked the first full week of an ongoing strike of over one thousand multiracial graduate workers at the University of Illinois in Chicago (UIC), who are boldly fighting capitalism's racist and sexist miseducation system. Members of the international communist Progressive Labor Party (PLP) have been active on the picket lines and rallies, distributing CHALLENGE, helping lead chants and chatting with the strikers.

The union representing the workers, the Graduate Employee Organization (GEO), was set to strike on April 1, after 97 percent of workers voted in favor. They are pushing back against the UIC bosses' attacks of poverty wages, exploitative fees, and hostile and retaliatory work environments. Despite the university's \$2 billion endowment and the chancellors' six figure salaries, graduate workers here earn as low as \$20k a year (Chicago Sun Times, 4/18).

Graduate workers help keep the university's miseducation and profit system running, putting in long hours of instruction time, grading, and research while often mentoring other students. Under capitalist education, workers and students are constantly degraded. While workers' physical bodies, mental capacity and morale are crushed, bosses get raises and praise from fellow soul-crushing capitalists for how well they exploit our class.

To build a world that serves our interests, we'll have to organize to smash capitalism with communist revolution. PLP invites GEO strikers and workers everywhere to join the Party and fight for an egalitarian world without borders, racism, or exploitation.

Rally against racist exploitation!

Despite unpredictable Chicago spring weather, the grad workers and their supporters have remained steadfast in their spirited strike. Moving pickets weaved their way throughout the east campus, with pro-worker and pro-student chants reverberating off the building walls. Students sitting in class are called to walk out and support the fight for improved learning conditions.

Many chants blasted the predatory fees. For



Graduate students fight university exploitation-join PLP on May Day

the "right" to be exploited by the university bosses, graduate workers are forced to pay over \$2,000 in fees every year, over 10 percent of their income. Skyrocketing fees levied against international students—blatantly racist and divisive—have ballooned by over 60 percent since 2013 (ABC7 Chicago, 4/20). GEO's strike demands rightfully call for an immediate end to such fees in any new contract.

In the campus quad, mass numbers of strikers gave daily updates on negotiations and supporters gave speeches in solidarity with the strike. Many former grad workers and members of various unions shared experiences from their past fights, inspiring the GEO workers to remain strong. A PLP member proudly shared a statement of solidarity from education workers from the City University of New York, which was received to wide applause.

When the working class is under attack, it is our role as communists to build a fight back. In PLP, we raise the line that the sharpest way to fight is dialectically, connecting one moment in history to another and struggles in one area to the other.

Throughout it all the Party has distributed hundreds of copies of CHALLENGE, demonstrating that workers and students are definitely hungry for communist ideas. To prepare for May Day, we also have been pushing hard to invite the friends of PLP to our local march and connecting their fight at UIC to the international struggle against the bosses and capitalism.

From the classroom to the streets – the profit system has got to go!

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Honor Harriet by breaking our capitalist chains



Armed violence destroyed slavery--capitalism is next

BALTIMORE—In recognition of her 200th birthday, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) held a forum honoring Harriet Tubman's dedication to freeing Black workers from the vicious grip of slavery, sometimes literally. The rescue story of Charles Nalle, a Black man that Harriet Tubman helped flee from slavery, serves as a powerful example of fighting racist capitalism and wage slavery with multiracial unity. Black women workers have historically exposed the growing contradictions between exploitation and profit, and continue giving frontline leadership in multiracial class struggles that provides a pathway for all workers to fight for communism.

One key antiracist struggle that's interconnected with the history of slavery is police terror against Black and Latin workers. To smash racism, bold

fighters like Harriet Tubman are models for revolutionary antiracist fightback and for building a multiracial movement for communism. In this area, we have been building a base around an ongoing West Wednesday struggle, stemming from the murder of Tyrone West by Baltimore Police in 2013. Since then PLP has co-led Wednesday night meetings, titled 'West Wednesdays' calling out the kkkops deadly enforcement of racist class divisions through their racist murder campaigns. Five antiracist fighters involved in the ongoing struggle attended our latest presentation.

One of the most resounding lessons we can learn from Harriet Tubman is the need for boldness. She took many bold actions in the fight against slavery. We will need many similar bold actions in our fight to destroy capitalism. The slave owners and their

system had to be violently destroyed, so today capitalists and their imperialist wars will also have to be violently destroyed. One such bold action that's not well known took place in the North, after the Fugitive Slave Act was passed in 1850. That national law provided for the seizure and return of enslaved people who had heroically managed to escape, and were living in supposedly "free" states. Here is that true story, which was shared during the forum.

Multiracial fighters liberate Charles

In 1860, Harriet Tubman was traveling throughout central New York State, giving lectures and raising funds. In April, she visited her cousin in Troy, New York, pausing there on her way to an anti-slavery meeting in Boston. Unexpectedly, she found herself in the center of one of the most dramatic rescues ever to occur in central New York.

A formerly enslaved worker, twenty-eight year old Charles Nalle, had been arrested while working to save money for bringing his family there from Pennsylvania, and to get his wife, a free Black woman, out of jail in D.C. where she had been arrested on suspicion of aiding Nalle's escape from Virginia. Mr. Nalle was going to be turned over to an agent of Blucher Hansbrough—Nalle's former enslaver—with no hearing and no trial.

As soon as Nalle's arrest became known, the information was rapidly shared through Troy's Black community and among white abolitionists. Immediately, people gathered outside the U.S. commissioner's office, where Nalle was being held.

Tubman happened to be nearby, and joined the crowd that was preparing to rescue Nalle:

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★International May Day Greetings★

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Comrades, this is a serious time for the working class. All over the world workers are desperate and want to fight back. In Europe, they are dying under bombs and bullets in an imperialist war. In Africa, imperialism plunges them into poverty and a perpetual struggle for survival. In Latin America and the Caribbean, they know all the atrocities, the consequences of capitalist and imperialist exploitation, including forced migration to escape poverty and risking their lives by crossing dangerous forests, deserts, and rivers to seek refuge in the U.S.

In the United States, capitalism and imperialist madness are accelerating the outrageous exploitation and exaggeration of racism as well as nationalism. In the Middle and Near East, it is an indescribable barbarism perpetuated by the profit system.

In Haiti, the situation is untenable. Famine haunts three quarters of the population. Insecurity rages. We face a government that cannot govern, except for the presence of gangs and kidnappers. We have a working class that cannot live as it once did: see the strikes and demonstrations of tens of thousands of workers demanding an increase in the minimum wage (despite the threat of police and gangs). The only thing we lack is a revolutionary party with a deep base within the working class: this is the task of Progressive Labor Party in Haiti today and tomorrow. We are ready to accept it.

Comrades, history shows us that our class is the bulwark against the destruction of humanity. So we have a heavy task to perform: to destroy capitalism and extinguish imperialist violence once and for all. On this May Day, with the conviction that our class will win the war to smash capitalism forever and build a communist egalitarian society, let us hold the red flag high and chant with our fists in the air:

It's the final conflict
Let each stand in their place
The international working class
Will be the human race.

Comrades everywhere, the fight is long but we will not give up. Long live May Day! Long live the class struggle! Long live the working class! Long live the Progressive Labor Party!✳



Colombia

Workers, members, and friends of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP), a warm and comradely greeting from Colombia! We are ready to commemorate May 1, the international day of the working class, when millions of workers around the world march to commemorate their history of struggle and protest against capitalist terror, consequences of economic crisis, deadly competition for maximum profits and imperialist rivalry, which threaten to spill into imperialist war.

This capitalist democracy does not work for the benefit of the working class and cannot be reformed. It must be destroyed by workers' power. Capitalism creates a world where workers and youth are dying in large numbers due to corruption, poverty, curable diseases, pandemics, racist assassinations of social leaders, police brutality, and environmental poisoning.

The communist revolution, our only path to

liberation, will happen when millions of people are aware of how the world works and then decide to change it. This will only happen by organizing the class struggle guided by our international Party.

For this reason, comrades and workers of the world, we make a call to strengthen ourselves in the face of adversity. Today, more than ever, we need to develop our mass work by building an international party, strong in quality and quantity. The dark night for workers will come to an end when workers take power and build communism. We can demonstrate once again that the history of the workers' revolution is possible. We cannot rely on the politicians, reformers and revisionist gangsters who lie and say the best we can do is to fight to "save democracy." They are not our friends and we must not yield an inch of power to these fascists who have murdered us for decades by sowing inequality and cruelty against our class and increasing repression in the fields and cities.

The rulers, the mafias and criminal gangs fight over drug trafficking, the exploitation of natural resources, cheap labor, profits and control of territories. The army and paramilitaries kill entire families every day who dare to oppose the policies of looting and racist evictions. The fighting spirit of the impoverished youth has been heroic, but the treacherous politics and conciliation of trade unionists and sell-outs, together with the fierce repression of the police, by threatening and jailing hundreds of these young people, have managed to temporarily silence the street fight by transferring the expectations of change to the current electoral circus.

On May 1st, communist fighters will march together with workers and students showing the revolutionary potential of our class, with a single interest in the destruction of the capitalist system with communist revolution. We can build a world based on production and distribution to satisfy the needs of our class.

Everything we do for the communist cause counts. In this area of the world we organize and join ranks with our class in collective struggle for worker demands. We push to win our base of friends through CHALLENGE and other revolutionary propaganda, and we are present in political, worker and student meetings. Forward comrades of the world as we fight to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat and build the glorious communist dawn!✳

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She climbed the stairs to where Charles was being held. When the authorities tried to remove Charles from the building to begin to take him away, Harriet Tubman leaned out of a window and alerted the mob below that Charles would be coming down the stairs and that the mob should try to get him away from the authorities. Harriet then held on to Charles as he was pushed and pulled down the stairs. She held on to him even as parts of his clothes were torn off. Local abolitionists Peter Baltimore, Martin Townsend and others also led the charge to rescue Nalle alongside Harriet Tubman (Hart Cluett museum, 2/19/21).

In the fight, Nalle and Tubman were dragged and beaten, as the crowd tried to pry Nalle loose from the cops. Pistols were drawn and one officer threatened to kill a rescuer whom he had grabbed from the crowd. Instantly a knife was drawn under the policeman's throat, and the pistol was dropped. As the Troy Daily Times reported, "Twenty times the prisoner was taken from the officers, and twenty times they recovered him." The crowd carried Tubman and Nalle to the Hudson River. Nalle was put in a boat and taken across.

But that wasn't the denouement. Charles was re-arrested in Watervliet. Then Tubman and a crowd of [300] African Americans and whites together also crossed the river and stormed the building where he was being held for the second time and, through gunfire, liberated him. Ultimately, money was raised to buy his freedom for \$650. That was in effect his fourth liberation (The Zinn Education Project).



The boldness, persistence, and multiracial nature of this rescue is admirable.

How have you fought racism?

Participants at the PLP forum were asked "What is your boldest action, or a bold action you are aware of, that was taken in the struggle against racism, or in other class struggles?" Many shared their experiences.

Despite the success of this forum, there is room to grow in leading these types of discussions. There should have been more effort to connect the fight against slavery to the current fight for revolution to defeat capitalism and to create communism.

The life and leadership of Harriet Tubman is still relevant to our current struggle for revolution and, with enough struggle, we can make wage slavery a relic of the past, like Harriet Tubman and fellow abolitionists did with the institution of chattel slavery. When workers are a part of the working class struggle, it changes the lives of all workers - for the better. And if the contradictions of wage theft and racism are not already exposed, communists must be the ones to expose these contradictions and smash racist wage theft. For most effective results - be bold and do it with multiracial unity under the leadership of PLP. Workers today must finish what Tubman started with Black workers leading the way to unleash the true revolutionary potential of our class, transforming antiracist rage and spontaneous rebellions against the police into a class conscious, organized movement to smash the capitalist system and wage slavery once and for all. ✳

57 years

PLP paves the road to communist revolution

April 17 marked the 57th anniversary of the founding of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP). From a meeting of barely two dozen members of the old U.S. communist movement, PLP has grown into an international party now organizing in five continents. Even as our class faces a dark night and growing inter imperialist-rivalry and fascism (see editorial, page 2) we continue our fightback because this is just the beginning of a worthy struggle towards an international communist revolution.

Over our first half-century, PLP has propelled the march to communism—first by leading antiracist, working-class struggle, and then through that struggle advancing communist ideas. This two-pronged strategy—practice and theory—is the basis for winning masses of workers to fight for communism.

Why communism? In our vision, the working class will determine society's future. It will destroy the capitalist world and its brutal exploitation. It will smash a system that drives us into constant unemployment and poverty. It will stop the racism that drags down all workers. It will terminate the racist cops who break our strikes and kill workers, especially our Black, Latin, Asian and immigrant sisters and brothers. And it will end for all time the imperialist wars that send our youth to kill their class brothers and sisters worldwide, all for the bosses' profits.

A communist world

Here is our vision for a communist world (also see May Day speech, page 1):

A society run by workers and for workers. After all, the working class produces everything of value and should rightfully receive the benefits of our labor. Collectively, we can determine how to share what we produce, according to need.

Abolition of the exploitative wage system and the money that runs it. We have no need for the parasitic bosses who steal most of the value of our labor through wage slavery.

Multiracial unity and death to the racism that divides the working class. Racism is rooted in capitalism; the bosses rely on it to steal trillions in super-profits worldwide. Fighting racism is part of the lifeblood of PLP.

The destruction of sexism and the systemic exploitation, oppression, and cultural degradation of women workers. Sexism is a pillar of class society, and capitalism has only furthered this lethal weapon against our class. Women and men must unite to smash sexist ideas and practices. PLP emphasizes working-class women's leadership in making revolution, particularly Black women's leadership.

Eliminating all borders, artificial lines the bosses draw to make even more profits from workers they call "foreigners." Nationalism is an anti-worker ideology that enables the imperialist rulers to exploit natural resources and cheap labor. Communists are internationalists because the working class is one international class, with a common class interest, under one red flag.

This is the world the PLP has fought for from the start. We will continue to fight until our class prevails. We invite all workers to join this struggle—for ourselves, and for our children and grandchildren.

Struggle and theory

From our earliest beginnings in the 1960s, PLP has fought tooth and nail against attacks by the ruling class. We have organized and supported Ford workers and striking teachers in Mexico; wildcatting miners in Hazard, Kentucky; longshore workers in New York City; jute (fiber) workers in India; miners in Britain; garment workers in Los Angeles; bank workers in Colombia; transit workers in Washington, DC; Chrysler sit-down strikers at Detroit's

Mack Avenue plant; farm workers in California, and bakery workers at Stella D'Oro in the Bronx. We have stood with evicted workers in Palestine-Israel, earthquake victims in Pakistan, and hurricane victims in Haiti and New Orleans.

Antiracism is a hallmark of PLP. We backed Black workers and youth in the 1964 Harlem Rebellion, and fought off racist school segregationists in Boston in 1975. In 1976 we integrated Chicago's Marquette Park while smashing the Nazi headquarters there, and have led more than a hundred thousand protesters against the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis across the United States. We have mobilized against racist killer cops from Brooklyn, New York, to Los Angeles, to Chicago, to Ferguson, Missouri.

PLP has led fierce fightbacks opposing the bosses' wars. In the 1960s, we were the first to organize mass demonstrations for the U.S. to "Get Out of Vietnam!" We formed the Worker-Student Alliance in the anti-war Students for a Democratic Society. PLP broke the U.S. travel ban to Cuba and undermined the rulers' House Un-American Activities Committee to the point of collapse. More recently, working both within the military and on the streets, we exposed the U.S. rulers' invasions of Iraq as a murderous oil grab.

None of these developments came out of thin air. They grew out of our Party's analysis of past class struggles and the achievements of millions of workers. PLP studied the strengths and weaknesses of the communist movement led by—among many others—Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, Josef Stalin and Mao Zedong. In 1917, this movement created a revolution in Russia; in 1949, a revolution in China. It defeated the Nazis in Europe and fascists in Japan in World War II. It reached its highest point in Chi-

na's Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, which attempted to push back a growing elitism in the Communist Party leadership and put the masses in charge of society.

PLP is the only group on the left to point out what went wrong in the Soviet Union and China. We are the only organization to analyze how socialism in those countries led back to the unvarnished profit system, where all workers are now mired.

A communist society will have no bosses or profits. It will be led by the working class through its Progressive Labor Party.

Marxism: An evolving idea

The history of the Progressive Labor Party began in 1962. A small group of communists left the Communist Party USA and organized the Progressive Labor Movement. They rejected the CPUSA's capitulation to capitalism and its abandonment of the open advocacy of communist revolution. The old communist movement proposed that the bosses would peacefully relinquish control of society and allow what the CPUSA called "socialism" to be "voted into existence." The communists who formed PLM refused to mislead workers and broke away from the old guard.

In the course of PLP's history, we have rejected some traditional Marxist concepts and advanced a number of new ones, all based on our practice and our examination of world events and the decay of the old communist movement. These new principles are expressed in a series of documents, including Road to Revolution I, II, III and IV; Revolution Not Reform; and "Dark Night Shall Have Its End." (These are all available on PL's website or in pamphlet form.)

Above all, Progressive Labor Party stands for the principle that the working class must fight directly for communism rather than moving first through a transitional phase of socialism. We reject this two-stage theory, a central premise of classical Marxism, because events have shown that socialism inevitably leads back to full-blown capitalism. In both Russia and China, socialism preserved capitalist features like money and the wage system, leading to inequalities that divided the working class. In both of these countries, the communist party became a new ruling class where privileges were attained through party membership. We believe the working class can be won before the revolution to fight directly for communism—to abolish the wage system, the cult of the individual and other capitalist relics.

Core principles

PLP's main principles are:

- Internationalism, under the slogan "Smash All Borders," where workers' class unity is represented by a single mass, international Party;
- The fight against racism, a strategic necessity in the struggle to overthrow capitalism;
- The fight against the special oppression of women, another critical component in uniting the working class, a prerequisite for revolution;
- A concentration among industrial workers, who produce the capitalists' profits and the weapons for the bosses' imperialist wars;
- Workers' power through armed struggle, since the rulers will use their armed state power to violently suppress the working class.

Throughout its existence, PLP has fought for these principles in unceasing class struggle. We have learned that building the Party is the first order of business for communists. Capitalism cannot be reformed. Whatever gains workers make in reform struggles are limited and temporary; sooner or later, the bosses always use their state power to take them back. Communists strive to turn reform struggles into schools for communism and building the Party. Winning workers to PLP is the one and only victory the ruling class can never take back. We therefore urge all workers and youth to join us in the next half-century in this historic task: to organize a communist revolution. 🇺🇸

Letter

Students connect Alabama to Amazon

We are college professors who teach at the City University of New York (CUNY) and have been active in building rank and file strike committees on our respective campuses. Last month we held a successful student forum with over 30 students to discuss the historic strikes at CUNY and the need to continue building this movement on our campuses. A few days after the victory at the Amazon warehouse in Staten Island we held a “brown bag lunch” on zoom to discuss how we can build the worker-student alliance at CUNY.

This informal discussion was exciting and timely as we heard from workers who had recently led some job actions at Amazon warehouses, a student and professor who traveled to Alabama this winter as part of a solidarity trip supporting the miners’ strike, and a labor historian. The Amazon workers were bold and inspiring as they described how they shut down the warehouse they work at. The CUNY folks who traveled to Alabama shared their stories of fight back and inspiration, walking the picket lines with Black and white coal miners as well as helping out with Christmas festivities. Our friend who is a labor historian pointed out that one lesson of the Amazon strike is the need to build fightback from “the bottom up” and not to rely on politicians or union “leaders” to organize for us. He also made the point that while we work for wages under capitalism, ultimately there is a better way to organize society, based on the collective needs of the working class and not profit.

We will continue to find ways to build the worker student alliance at CUNY!



Grad workers flunk capitalist miseducation system

Reformist demands vs revolutionary solutions

Revolutionary communist politics appeal to the working class because unions in and of themselves cannot get us off this treadmill of reformism, much less put an end to the endemic crises of capitalism. As we fight tooth and nail to obtain our basic needs, we must always be ready to expand the limits of the class struggle at hand.

Any appeals for the bosses to give us workers a “fair” wage or contract is itself a contradiction, as under capitalism the bosses will never compensate us for the complete value of our labor. This exploitation is at the core of their system, and it’s where they get their profits. Our fight should be to smash the wage system entirely. We create all value; and the value of our labor should belong to our class!

What’s more, calls to “defend” the institutions of public education ignore the role of schools and universities in ideologically maintaining capitalism and all its rotten nationalism and extreme competition. Yes, education must be free and equitable for all workers and youth but only under communism, with workers running it would it be grounded in science, collectivity, antiracism, antisexism, and class consciousness.

The bosses, by virtue of their control of the state and economy, are able to roll back even the most hard-fought reform gains. They increase our wages while simultaneously raising the cost of living, and more. The victory that the bosses can’t easily take away is a more unified multiracial working class, steeled in class struggle and ready to make a clean break with capitalism in favor of revolution.

Fight to learn, learn to fight

Many of life’s most lasting lessons aren’t learned in the classroom, but through working people organizing class struggle against the murderous ruling class. A raised fist to the GEO strikers for bringing the fight back to the racist UIC bosses! PLP is with you in this fight!

To write a letter of solidarity to the strikers: <https://bit.ly/3vjsHxW> To donate to their strike fund: <https://bit.ly/3KkPOMT> 🍷

GLOSSARY COMMUNIST TERMS

Fascism

Capitalism’s response to a crisis of their system, when the bosses can no longer sustain the charade of liberal democracy and resort to more direct control and state terror instead. Fascism is marked by the ruling capitalists disciplining their own ranks to serve the urgent needs of the capitalist state and weather the crisis. To defend their system from internal and external threats, they use all the means available in their state apparatus, including violence. To build unity within their class and loyalty from workers, they rely on nationalist politics and calls for sacrifice. Their strategy is to mislead the working class to kill our working class sisters and brothers in the next inter-imperialist war.

Big Fascists

The Big Fascists are the dominant finance capitalist faction of the U.S. ruling class. They represent the wealthiest and most powerful bosses in the U.S., including multinational banks like Chase and Citibank, multinational oil companies like ExxonMobil, the big automakers, Boeing, Amazon, and the major media companies. As the dominant grouping since World War II, the Big Fascists were the architects of the liberal world order with the U.S. bosses on top. Their dominance rests on U.S. financial and military power and its strategic control of the Middle East and the flow of oil to Europe, Asia, and Africa. To sustain this dominance, they need to rebuild a huge, multiracial military for inter-imperialist war, most likely with

China.

Small Fascists

The Small Fascists are a group of domestically oriented U.S. capitalists who are challenging the Big Fascists over the direction of U.S. imperialism. Since their interests are less tied to controlling the flow of oil, they are against heavy taxation to keep troops in the Middle East and in general oppose costly military bases and invasions. They’re willing to rely on a smaller, whiter army, backed by nuclear weapons and the Air Force. They use open racism to build a political following.

Nazis Out of Boston! Power to the workers!

Right here in liberal Massachusetts the racist Small Fascist (see glossary) movement, fronted by Trump and engineered by billionaire domestic capitalists like Charles Koch and Kelcy Lee Warren, is trying to gain a toehold of strength. Members of Progressive Labor Party (PLP) in New England are priming ourselves to join with other antiracists to crush them in the cradle. Though this racist movement, sprouting in New England, is an immediate threat we must not lose sight of the great danger that Big Fascist liberals pose for the working class.

Make no mistake, Small Fascists are small fry compared to the Big Fascists, the politically liberal, finance capital wing of the U.S. ruling class. The Big Fascists pose the greatest danger. From arming Saudi and Israeli terror bosses carrying out nonstop lethal bombing campaigns, to arming Ukranian Nazi battalions, the Big Fascists are the main sponsors of global imperialist terror. Their crumbling empire and decaying liberal order make them especially dangerous for the international working class in this period.

In late January, claiming “white genocide” a neo-Nazi organization, the Nationalist Social Club, (NSC) gathered at Brigham and Women’s Hospital protesting the cardiologists’ decision to deny a heart transplant to a white man who refused to take the Covid-19 vaccine. This fascist group also passed out a flier attacking two antiracist doctors who have been fighting systemic racist practices regarding cardiology patients at the hospital. Specifically, the antiracist doctors are trying to correct the pattern of Black cardiac patients typically being admitted to general medicine while white cardiac

patients are admitted to the cardiology service which usually results in better care and better outcomes.

Another anti-vaxxer group was also protesting the decision to deny a cardiac patient a heart transplant claiming that it is discriminatory to those who refuse the vaccine. Both groups are using hot-button issues of racism and vaccine mandates to divide the working class and prop up their racist Small Fascist movement.

PLP distributed CHALLENGE and passed out a leaflet calling workers to smash these nazis and to support the fight against racist medical practices. We got a positive response from hundreds of hospital workers as they streamed in and out of the hospital. Many stopped to talk to us while we leafletted and distributed copies of CHALLENGE.

The NSC has made other bold appearances in New England. They tried to shut down the reading of *The Communist Manifesto* at a library in Providence, Rhode Island, and appeared at the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in South Boston. The anti-vaxxers disrupted a Boston Teachers Union conference, protesting the union’s position on the vaccine.

Nurses and teachers later spoke out against their reported racist and insulting verbiage against educators. Their actions and the union’s response prompted important discussions about racism in the schools. The fascists also protested the mask mandates inside a Boston Public Library Children’s Reading Room and vandalized a bust of Maya Angelou. The Boston Public Librarians union held a rally protesting this, which we attended and distributed our literature.

Black communists of the Spanish Civil War:

Mack Coad, 'best organizer, leader of international communist movement'

This is part six of a series about Black communists in the Spanish Civil War. In the early 1930s the urban bourgeoisie (capitalists) of Spain, supported by most workers and many peasants, overthrew the violent, repressive monarchy to form a republic. In July 1936 the Spanish army, eventually commanded by Francisco Franco, later the fascist dictator, rebelled to reestablish the repressive monarchy. Hitler's Germany and Mussolini's Italy gave Franco massive military aid.

In 1936 the International Communist Movement, called the Comintern, headquartered in the Soviet Union and led by Joseph Stalin, organized volunteers, mainly workers from more than 60 countries into the International Brigades (IBs) to go to Spain to defend the Republic. Black workers, especially Black communists, emphasized the importance of fighting racism to win anything for the working class. And they brought this antiracist fightback with them when they returned to the United States.

This movement was the most advanced political movement at the time. They were building a movement they hoped would lead to communist revolution around the world. They succeeded in organizing millions around communist ideas and practices. But the movement believed that uniting with liberal bosses to defend the Republic in Spain would further the fight for communism. This was part of the united front against fascism, where communists united with so-called liberal capitalists against the fascist capitalists. This ended up not working but the struggles they led inspire us today both in practice and in the political lessons learned.

In the Progressive Labor Party we are against any unity with capitalists. They all have to go and the working class must rule: that's communism.

If the working class is to seize and hold state power throughout the world, Black workers and their leadership is essential. Our class cannot destroy racism—the lifeblood of capitalism—without their leadership. The following continues that story:

Mack Coad was born in 1894 in Blackstock, South Carolina to a Black working class family. As a young adult, he worked as a railroad firefighter and crane operator. He lost his railroad position at the onset of the Great Depression. In 1929, after attending a meeting of a Communist led unemployed group, Coad joined the Communist Party. Because of his leadership capabilities, Coad was selected to be a student at the Lenin School in the Soviet Union. In 1931, after his return to the United States, Coad was assigned as a union organizer in



Mack Coad: communist bridging communist organizing from Spain to the Southern U.S.

the South. He worked with steelworkers in Birmingham and was an organizer of the Alabama Sharecropper's Union.

When local farmers asked the Communist Party to send organizers to help them build a union, the Party sent several people, among them Mack Coad, who at the time was working as a steelworker.

In March 1931, he was sent to Tallapoosa County, Alabama, to organize the Communist-led Share Croppers' Union (SCU). In the abandoned houses of rural Alabama, Coad discovered local militants who were quite comfortable combining communist and folk cultures. These grass-roots leaders had established a tradition of singing before and after gatherings, which grew out of the rural church services after which they had patterned their meetings. In addition to adopting standards such as the 'Internationale' and 'Solidarity Forever,' rural Black workers in and around the Party transformed pop-

ular spirituals into political songs with new messages. 'We Shall Not Be Moved' and the ever-popular 'Give Me That Old-Time Religion' were stock musical forms used to create new Party songs. In the latter, the verse was changed to 'Give Me That Old Communist Spirit,' and Party members closed each stanza with 'It was good enough for Lenin, and it's good enough for me.'

The Black and white sharecroppers involved in organizing the union were under constant threat of attack from the police who organized local racists to attack the union. At one point Coad was part of a group defending the home of a Black leader of the movement and as the racists closed in, workers in the union decided to get Coad out of the area, secretly getting him to Atlanta. Coad played an important role in Southern U.S. communist history in the 1930s as he worked in Chattanooga, Birmingham, and was involved in a 1934 attempt to organize a Memphis Communist Party unit. The Communist Party called Coad "our best southern organizer." Coad was also active in Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina. In Chattanooga, he was jailed at least twice for organizing unemployment demonstrations and running for judge.

Coad went to fight in Spain in October 1937, where he proved himself an exemplary communist and soldier. He was severely wounded in the right eye in an attack near Gandesa on August 1, 1938, during the Ebro Offensive and spent the rest of the war in the hospital. In an interview in the Daily Worker of February 11, 1939, Coad recalled that he volunteered 'to help wake the Negro up on the international field.' Coad died in May 1967, still working as a coal miner at the age of 69.

Mack Coad was a leader of the international communist movement that grew out of battles like the struggle against racism in the South and the fight against fascism in Europe. Coad, like millions of workers worldwide, built the old communist movement while leading the class struggle. They put building the Party in the midst of the struggle for reforms into practice and helped shape our movement and set examples that led to the formation of Progressive Labor Party and the building of a communist movement with Black workers in the lead.🌐

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RED EYE ON THE NEWS . . .

U.S.-Middle East alliance collapsing

Wall Street Journal, 4/10—Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, wearing shorts at his seaside palace, sought a relaxed tone for his first meeting with President Biden's national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, last September. The 36-year-old crown prince ended up shouting at Mr. Sullivan after he raised the 2018 killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. The prince told Mr. Sullivan he never wanted to discuss the matter again...and the U.S. could forget about its request to boost oil production, he told Mr. Sullivan.

The U.S.-Saudi partnership was built on the premise that the American military would defend the kingdom from hostile powers to ensure the uninterrupted flow of oil to world markets. In turn, successive Saudi kings maintained a steady supply of crude at reasonable prices, with only occasional disruptions.

Prince Mohammed has shown little willingness to retreat from a lucrative alliance with Moscow to keep a lid on oil-production levels...In March, weeks after rebuffing the White House invitation to speak with Mr. Biden, Prince Mohammed took a call from Russian President Vladimir Putin and affirmed Riyadh's commitment to maintaining its oil deal with Moscow.

Bosses' study confirms workers are being crushed under capitalism

Brookings, 4/21—Over the past two years, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented the country's

leading companies with a historic opportunity to reverse the decades-long trends of widening inequality and shareholder primacy, making change for workers seem possible. The pandemic shifted public sentiment about what workers deserve. Corporate leaders made pledges to adopt "stakeholder capitalism" and enhance racial and economic equity. A historically tight labor market pressured companies to increase compensation and enhance benefits. And record profits filled company coffers with ample resources to raise pay.

Overwhelmingly, financial gains benefitted wealthy shareholders and executives, while front-line workers experienced the greatest losses and benefited minimally from company success. Despite the hope and hype, the companies are paying workers only modestly more in real terms than they did before the pandemic—and, for most workers, still not enough to get by.

Chinese imperialists rapidly expand nukes

Foreign Affairs, May/June 2022—In late June 2021, satellite images revealed that China was building 120 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) silos on the edge of the Gobi Desert. This was followed by the revelation a few weeks later that another 110 missile silos were under construction in Hami, in Xinjiang Province. Together with other planned expansions, these sites amount to a dramatic shift in the country's approach to nuclear weapons

Along with its silo-building spree, it has developed a new ICBM capable of being armed with

up to ten MIRVed (multiple-independent reentry vehicles) nuclear warheads. This combination of proliferating launch silos and hydra-headed missiles will enable the Chinese military to expand its land-based arsenal even further, to as many as 3,000 weapons, simply by filling its silos with these missiles. China has also been modernizing its submarine-launched ballistic missile force and its long-range bomber fleet with an eye to fielding a robust triad of nuclear delivery systems—land, sea, and air—a capability that until now only Russia and the United States have possessed.

China-U.S. rivalry builds in Pacific

Times of India, 4/23—The United States warned Friday it would "respond accordingly" if China installs a military base on the strategic Solomon Islands after the tiny Pacific state signed a security pact with Beijing. The White House said a high-level US delegation had told the leadership of the Solomon Islands that the recently signed pact has "potential regional security implications" for Washington and its allies.

"If steps are taken to establish a de facto permanent military presence, power-projection capabilities, or a military installation, the delegation noted that the United States would then have significant concerns and respond accordingly," the White House said...The Solomons stop came right after China confirmed sealing a wide-ranging security pact seen in Washington as part of a battle for diplomatic influence and strategic positioning across the Pacific and its trade routes.

FIGHT FOR COMMUNISM!

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Pols take orders from profiteers

The Progressive Labor Party (PLP) doesn't have a crystal ball, but our Party can see—and many workers agree—the general direction of history is increased capitalist rivalry that will only explode into world war sooner or later. The current imperialist war in Ukraine reveals how rapidly the tensions between the major capitalist rivals, led by a declining U.S. imperialism on one hand and rising Russian and Chinese imperialist aggression on the other, can play out in these smaller-scale, but no less deadly atrocities.

As in every war before this, the bosses drag our class into fighting these wars for them. Millions of workers were killed in World War I on land and sea. Tens of millions more were killed on land, sea and in the air during World War II. Now the bosses have found a new arena—space and its attendant cyber-warfare and satellite-guided missiles—that has been tested already on workers to include in their deadly arsenal. Our class has been and continues to be the only casualty in this increasingly volatile world of capitalist competition for profits, and yet the working class led by the PLP is the ONLY force, not the bosses' politicians, that has the power to change the course of history.

Bourgeois politicians—Eric Adams in NYC and Ras Baraka in Newark, Biden and Harris in DC, Jovenel Moise of Haiti, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador of Mexico, Xi Jin Ping of China, Vladimir Putin of Russia, and Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine—have dedicated their lives to serving the interests of bankers, thugs and billionaires. Most of the time they take orders from them, and sometimes these misleader politicians give orders to the capitalists themselves.

PLP takes orders from workers

But who does PLP take our orders from? Who is PLP's Bloc, our base of support and foundation for revolution? We take our orders from the sharpest struggles and the bravest fighters for our class wherever in the world they may be. Who is our base? Millions of workers in Colombia, South America, took to the streets in the summer of 2021 in the face of police arrests and people being disappeared to call out the racist abandonment of the working class in that country, investing millions on weapons and tanks in the midst of the pandemic.

The bosses' traps

But in every part of the world where the working class stands up to the bosses, we have seen how our demands get turned on their heads and the bosses try to take control of our anger, our struggles, controlling the reform movements themselves. Look at the worldwide protests in the wake of Covid-19's outbreak in 2020. Workers from Minneapolis to Paris, Johannesburg and Palestine took to the streets to combat racist police terror. Two years later, the bosses have tried to turn our anger into an escapist politics of "self care." No meditation, no yoga, no



herbal formula, no medical marijuana, can cure the depression that our class experiences after years of social isolation from a pandemic that the bosses allowed to spiral out of control. Through social media, the bosses injected self-centered politics of individualism into our youth culture to immobilize the struggle of 2020, manifesting most brutally in that Astroworld festival last November 2021 where a dozen young people were crushed to death at a Travis Scott concert celebrating drug use and mosh pit anarchism in the midst of a pandemic.

But this is nothing new. Back in 2008, I personally witnessed how the soldiers and veterans movement led by Iraq Veterans Against the War was handed over by liberal reformers to government agents and provocateurs, replacing our efforts to push anti-imperialism, anti-racism and anti-sexism with a politics of personal care and individualism. We witnessed dozens of soldiers and veterans active in our anti-war movement take their own lives, and all the bosses-led reform organizations could promote were vigils when the true cause of their PTSD and alienation was U.S.-led imperialist war for control of the world's oil. Individual frustrations are, in reality, only resolved in the larger social context. As communists we say self care requires building communist social relations—we don't quit our base and we don't lose political morale.

Revolutionary optimism

This is why we are revolutionary optimists. It means that in every element of the bosses' efforts to outcompete, outsmart and outdominate one another, we find their achilles heel and magnify it, exposing capitalism in its ugly nakedness for our class to see. The bosses have the biggest weapons and control the media, weaponizing our minds for impending world war and deeper conflict, but PLP has CHALLENGE! The bosses worldwide control thousands of newspapers and media outlets, music, television, film and social media, but in this one paper, CHALLENGE, we have the sharpest analysis of world-defining current events. Who else is saying

workers don't have a stake in the Russia-Ukraine war and that there are no good imperialists; that workers from Russia to Ukraine to Yemen, China and Newark are suffering at the hands of the same profit-hungry capitalist class? No one! Our PAPER is the power of the Party.

We've been talking about power, so how has our Party, the PLP, been tested? We have not held state power in any part of the world yet, but we have learned some of the most critical lessons: 1) the fight for communism begins NOW, not in some future time; 2) reforms won today will be taken away tomorrow; 3) working people have no nations. Our Party exposes the facade of identity politics because it purports to challenge the racist and sexist core of capitalism when in reality it creates "representatives" in the capitalist class who keep this inequality more alive than ever. But our Party, Progressive Labor Party, is RUN by women and men, Black and white, young and not-so-young, from around the world who have embraced these lessons with a vengeance.

This makes each person here, each new person who joins this organization today on May Day, crucial to our effort to understand where, when and how our class is fighting this capitalist monster. Each new member increases the power of the Party because you bring with us new insights and experiences that allow us to collectively sharpen our struggle. To the young people: fight against your personal illusions, and recognize that nothing truly meaningful is accomplished by you and you alone. The bosses create these career goals for us and then tell us to choose one. These aren't our dreams! The strength of each of us as an individual can only be truly realized once we join this larger collective of workers committed to smashing the conditions that we all face.

The best way to predict the future is to make it

As we march down Flatbush Avenue again this year, as we have done for the past 20 years, watch the faces of the pedestrians, people looking out of apartment windows, and people driving past us. We won't see cynicism. We will see appreciation, validation of our fight, and we will see love from our class brothers and sisters for sticking to the same analysis—"Asian, Latin, Black and White, to Smash Imperialism we Must Unite!" We will see respect in their faces as we shout "Who are we? PLP!" to the beats of dancehall, reggaeton, and hip hop. There is strength in numbers, so our job is to help PLP become a party of millions worldwide.

There is no crystal ball, but the best way to predict the future is to make it! We may be small now, but our confidence in the working class is unmatched and our commitment to fighting alongside and for our comrades can't be swayed—not by political instigators, not by payoffs, not by visa denials, not by gang-inflicted kidnappings and assassinations, not by poverty, not by previous felony convictions, not by nation, race, creed....we are One Party, One World, One Fight....That is something the bosses can't defeat. AND THAT'S THE POWER OF THE PARTY. JOIN US! 🇺🇸

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